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## Crisis calls up 30% since March

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

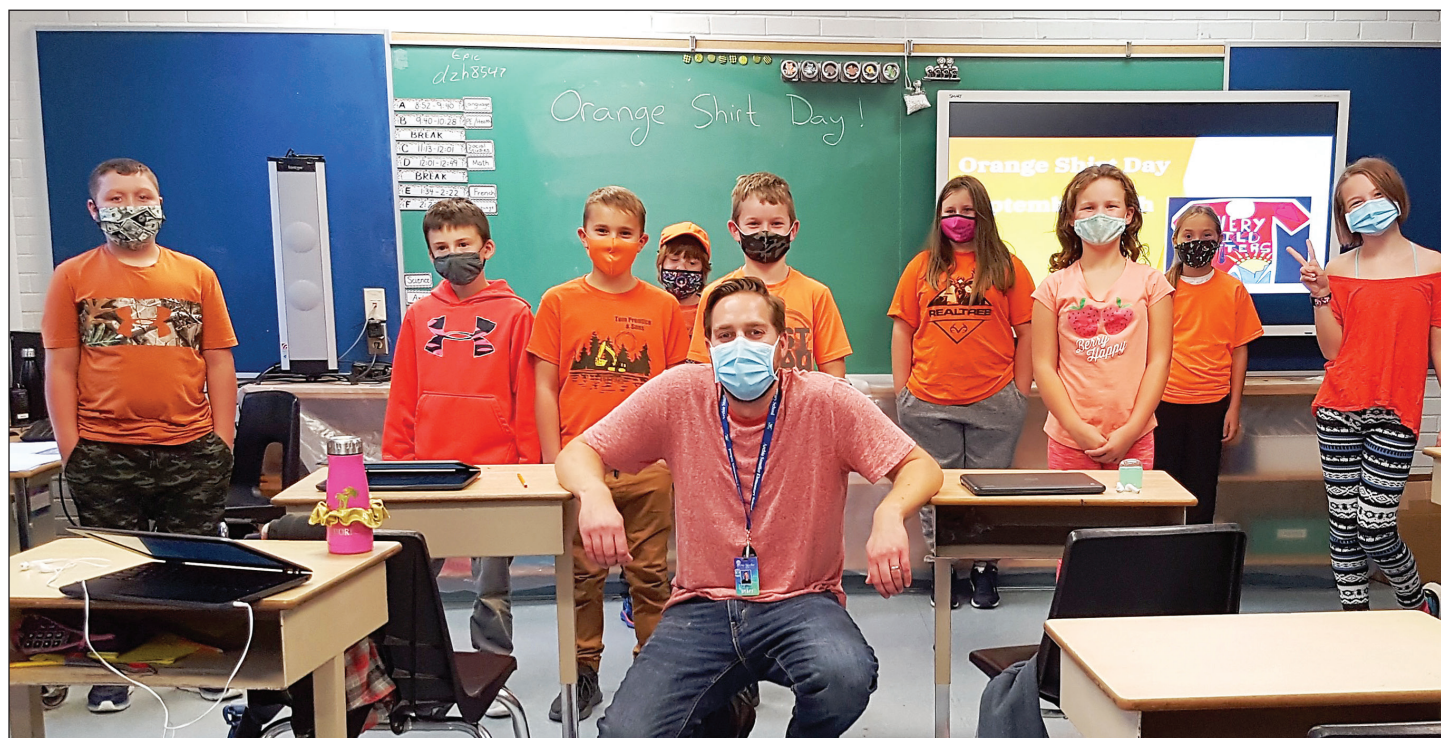
Mental health support and crisis intervention workers are preparing for the second wave of COVID-19, and the potential government rollback to provisions that might accompany that surge of cases, as the seasons change and winter – which allows for less distanced gathering outside for vulnerable populations – approaches.

“We can say with a lot of certainty that since COVID hit that it’s impacted Ontarians’ mental health in a detrimental fashion for sure,” said Jack Veitch, manager of community engagement and education, Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge.

Crisis call volume in the area has increased, and is 30 per cent higher than what crisis intervention and mental health support workers would typically see.

“We’ve seen, even locally ... our crisis calls are up 30 per cent [from March to current date] which is pretty significant when we talk about the volume we’re receiving. Even if we look at some of the data we collected provincially, for Ontarians through polling back in

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### Every child matters

Grade 5/6 students in Paul Mardus’s class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School mark Orange Shirt Day on Sept. 30. The day is one set aside to remember the survivors and victims of residential schools. The day is “an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations to come,” the school board’s website reads. See page 2 for more. /Photo submitted by Jane Austin

## Rotating cancellations due to school bus driver shortage

by JENN WATT  
Editor

A province-wide school bus driver shortage is being felt in Haliburton County, with parents being asked to find other ways for their children to get to school when drivers aren’t available.

On Oct. 2, Trillium Lakelands District School Board advised parents and guardians

to be aware of the potential that a bus may not be carrying out some routes.

“Due to the current shortage of qualified school bus drivers, any day we could be without a driver for your child’s bus route. It is important to make alternate transportation arrangements to get your child to and from school in the event of a cancellation,” a message posted to the school board’s Facebook page reads.

Superintendent of business Tim Ellis has

previously discussed bus driver shortages at board of trustees meetings, pointing out that many bus drivers are part of an older age demographic, one that would be at higher risk if contracting the novel coronavirus. This may be leading some drivers to choose not to work during the pandemic.

Although earlier in the school year, issues with bus routes had mostly been in the

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Steps to reconciliation

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Tokar's class wear their orange shirts on Sept. 30 to mark Orange Shirt Day at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. The annual day is set to raise awareness about the legacy of residential schools in Canada and to honour Indigenous communities. It was inspired by Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, who had her orange shirt taken away from her on her first day of residential school in Mission, B.C. It was common for Indigenous students to have their personal items and clothing confiscated at residential schools. /Photos submitted by Jane Austin

Ms. Manderson's Grade 6 and 7 class.

Mrs. Randles's Grade 3 class members.

Mrs. McArthur and Ms. Colliss's kindergarten class.

Ms. Kernohan's Grade 7/8 class.



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# Land registry offices close to walk-in traffic

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

As of Oct. 13, the public service counter at the Minden land registry office, along with those at the other 52 land registry offices throughout Ontario will close, as the provincial government takes land registry activity digital.

The few documents that are not yet available digitally, will be available for viewing by appointment.

According to the provincial government, 87 per cent of land registry searches are conducted online, and 98 per cent of surveyors submit plans for pre-approval via email.

"Starting Oct. 13, 2020, in-person land registration services will be discontinued at all 53 land registry offices, and customers will be able to access land registry services online at [www.OnLand.ca](http://www.OnLand.ca). OnLand allows users to search current and historical property records province-wide and to download and print from the comfort of their home or office," reads an email from communications staff with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. "Already, 99 per cent of documents requested are available online through OnLand and Teraviva. As of Oct. 13, documents not yet online will be uploaded upon request within 24 to 48 hours. If you need to view a record more urgently, please call your local LRO and work with the staff to make an appointment – they will continue to be there to assist you."

Most of the physical documents will remain inside local land registry offices, and the province says the transition does not equate to job losses.

"All historic land registry records will remain in the local community at land registry offices except for some residual record types (e.g., mounted board plans) which are currently being digitized," the email reads. "The ministry is working with the Archives of Ontario to review all record inventories and perform an appraisal of record types to ensure long-term preservation according to archival policies and procedures. By moving land registry office transactions online, we are not downsizing or cutting jobs at local offices. Land registry office employees will continue to provide critical verification and fulfilment work in back-office operations. Ontarians will still be able to connect with qualified and dedicated staff at land registry offices over the phone for questions about land registry services and urgent requests, and to access records not available online."

“By moving land registry office transaction online, we are not downsizing or cutting jobs at local offices.”

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Andy Muirhead, left, and Charile O'Connor of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes' Area Property Owners' Association with Minden Community Food Centre manager Joanne Barnes, centre. MBC is taking its annual Thanksgiving donation drive for the food bank online this year. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

## MBC takes annual food bank drive online

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes' Area Property Owners Association is taking its annual donation campaign for the Minden Community Food Centre online amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Normally, members of the association's executive station themselves at St. Peter's Church during the Thanksgiving weekend, collecting food donations as residents close up their cottages for the season, along with cash donations. The association itself matches cash donations up to a total of \$1,000.

This year, there will be no gathering at the church, but the MBC executive is still encouraging its members, along with any other county residents or other lake associations, to make a contribution to the food centre this Thanksgiving.

"We don't really feel comfortable asking members of our association to sit and collect food," said executive member Charlie O'Connor, pointing out that many members of the association are elderly.

"As we go from Thanksgiving towards winter, which is hard enough around here at the best of times, I think it's important that we get people back into giving and as broadly as possible," said executive member Andy Muirhead.

There was a large spike in demand at the county's food banks near the beginning of the pandemic, as people were laid off of work. Minden Community Food Centre manager Joanne Barnes said that demand dipped somewhat as a number of county residents went on the Canadian Emergency Relief Benefit, but now, with the benefit ending, is seeing more people through the doors again. "So a lot of people we haven't seen in four months, and now they are coming back," Barnes said.

Donations of food can be made at the food centre at 24 Newcastle St. in Minden on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Online donations can be done through [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) or e-transfers can be emailed to [mindenfoodbankphorntt@gmail.com](mailto:mindenfoodbankphorntt@gmail.com). Cheques can be made out to the Minden Community Food Centre and mailed to P.O. Box 893, Minden, Ont., K0M 2K0.

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Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**October 24** – Council Meeting  
**November 12** – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/).

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October 4 to October 10, 2020



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Is this also true of our national borders? Do they keep us safe? Or do they simply isolate us from those with whom we share the world?

Carey Jernigan's work features wood, light, and memory. She explores industrial processes, material culture, and the people and places they shape. Her work has been featured at the United Nations Headquarters in New York; at Craft Ontario, the Workers' Arts and Heritage Centre, Harbour front Centre, Parkdale Film & Video Showcase, the Khyber Centre for the Arts, the Anna Leon Owens Gallery, Eyelevel Gallery, and the Nova Scotia Public Archives in Canada; and at De Liceiras 18 in Portugal. Admission by donation. Open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Saturday  
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# Isolation, health anxiety among common concerns

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May and September, we did some polling and found that – we know historically that about 2.5 per cent of Ontarians experience thoughts of suicide – at September of this year, that number was up to almost six per cent of Ontarians were experiencing thoughts of suicide,” said Veitch. “So we’re seeing some really, I hate to say not-surprising, but yet, sort of staggering numbers that this pandemic has really impacted the mental health of our communities.”

Those calls are from people expressing struggles with generalized anxiety as well as those challenged by isolation, or health anxiety – people worried about becoming ill, or their loved ones becoming ill. Feelings of isolation due to lockdown, which occurred earlier this spring when the pandemic was first declared, has negatively impacted the mental health of people throughout the province, especially those who live alone.

CMHA HKPR is, as an organization, is “absolutely doing everything we can,” said Veitch, to plan, prepare, and best service the community.

“I think we’re fortunate that we’re in a position as an organization where in March it was all brand new, so all of a sudden figuring out, well, what PPE do we need, how do we wear it, how do we distribute it, how do staff get it? We have a lot of processes in place that we’re hopeful that if things do unfortunately worsen with numbers increasing of those that are experiencing coronavirus, that we have the health and safety measures in place we need to respond and to serve our communities without disruption in service.”

Veitch said the team can still do face-to-face visits, community visits at this point, when necessary, and can also offer virtual visits through Zoom.

“Those are things back in March we had to scramble to put together, the processes are now already in place so we’re hopeful we can continue to rely on the measures we have in place to provide that care,” he said.

Typically, the holidays are a heightened time for people to struggle.

“We know the holidays can be, for some, a really joyous time where I get to gather with my family and friends and I can be well and I can think of all the things I’m fortunate enough to have and enjoy,” said Veitch. “For others it can be a really stressful or a time of reflection that they don’t have that as much, that they’re alone or isolating.”

Prior to those holidays starting, Veitch said it’s important that people put things into place while feeling fine, so that if life gets harder or they start to feel worse or not do as well, they have a plan to get well again, faster.

“Reminding people, well, if I wasn’t doing well, who would I call or what resource would I access or who would I reach out to for support, or what do I do to be well? Things we can start to think of before it gets to that point of unwell,” he said.

Prevention can be key, with preparation for support during crisis and changes in lifestyle to support mental health helping to avoid long-term or disruptive interventions.

“What I always remind people, the really simple lifestyle changes can have a huge impact on mental health,” said Veitch. “Making sure I’m getting adequate sleep. Making sure I’m eating relatively healthy, three times a day. Making sure I’m getting some exercise. It doesn’t have to be intensive weight training, but getting out and walking the dog. If you get your heart rate elevated three times a week for 30 minutes a session you’ll see clinical improvement. That little bit of life-

style, things that I can start to do proactively, to help my brain stay well.”

Living during a pandemic can cause mild and moderate stress and anxiety for everybody, but Veitch said when there is disruption in function, it’s important to immediately reach out for care.

“Feeling sad right now, feeling anxious, or stressed, that’s OK,” he said. “It’s not bad to feel sad, it’s not bad to feel nervous or upset, those are important human processes. It’s important to feel sad from time to time. When sadness or stress or tension become more disruptive is when they disrupt or impair function. That difference between, you know what, I’m feeling really down and sad today so I’m going to do something to help myself feel better – go for a walk, call a family friend, reach out to a trusted support – versus, I’m feeling so sad today, I can’t get out of bed, I can’t eat, I can’t care for my family or do the things I normally need to do. That’s more sort of crossing that line between again that mental health problem, potentially more of a mental illness or mental health concern.”

In these times, when people might be working from home, homeschooling the kids, preparing dinner for the family, caring for elders, working to keep a business going and struggling with financial challenges more than before, Veitch said people need to set boundaries.

“It sounds strange, but one thing I can suggest is routine,” said Veitch. “People do well in routine. If you think about a typical workday, a typical workday for many is that I wake up at X time, I prepare for my day, I commute for X time, I work from hours A to Z, and then I commute back home. There’s structure to that day and it gives time for debriefing, and structure. I would encourage that same type of routine if I work from home. So even though I’m not commuting anywhere, I’m not driving anywhere, I’m still going to say, OK, I plan to wake up at 7 o’clock, I’m going to have my breakfast at 7:30, I’m going to get showered, dressed, and start work at 9, when I normally start things. It’s so easy for us to blur those lines, start work early, or roll out of bed and I’m already on my phone, already doing emails. Building that structure back into that day is one big thing that is going to help people with that routine.”

The pandemic, especially during lockdown, saw an increase in jokes about day drinking and homeschooling parents being driven to alcohol, but Veitch said alcohol is a depressant, and can be problematic if used outside of Canada’s guidelines for alcohol use.

“Being mindful,” said Veitch. “If I’m using alcohol as a means to help regulate an emotion. If I’m using alcohol to help calm myself down, that’s potentially problematic and I might want to explore that a bit further with a trusted professional.”

Those boundaries are especially important to put at place for those working at home.

“When working from home, all of a sudden, it’s not my couch anymore, that’s my office, and it’s not the kitchen table, that’s the board room,” said Veitch. “Well let’s start to really draw boundaries – maybe I don’t have a home office, but in my home, this chair at the kitchen table is my worksite. When I’m in this chair, I’m at work. When I leave that chair, I’m no longer at work, I’m on break or



I’m at lunch, but when I remove myself I’m setting those types of boundaries for myself for limits to where I’m working. So I don’t just end up working 24 hours a day.”

Veitch also stressed the importance of rest. “Routine and structure, setting healthy boundaries and just being realistic with yourself, and honest with yourself, that we need time to rest, recoup, and have realistic expectations for ourselves,” said Veitch. “Again, it’s easy to start thinking, I need to be doing all of this, because I’m working from home I should be doing even more. The reality is we’re living through unprecedented times, and we need to make sure we’re taking care of the mental health of ourselves and our loved ones, it’s just as important as taking care of our job.”

Bedtime routine can help tremendously as well, said Veitch, distancing screen time from sleep time – trying to distance screen time at least 60 minutes before sleep by reading a book, talking with a partner or family or friend in person or on the phone. This is a time, too, to check in on our most vulnerable.

“It might be a reminder to some of us, maybe it’s the responsibility or maybe it’s an opportunity for the younger generation to give Mom or Dad a call, or give that elderly neighbour a call, just to check in,” said Veitch. “It can be a face-to-face visit, we can be mindful and respectful of social distanc-

ing measures, but even just checking in with that loved one, that person in your life you know who might be isolated, that check-in might make a world of difference to that person.”

And if all of this seems too much, that’s the opportunity people need to reach out for help, said Veitch.

“Whenever we talk about mental health and specifically mental illness, mental illness isn’t just a light switch, I go from nothing to full-borne, high level intensive depression necessarily, illness is sort of a spectrum based on levels of impairment,” he said. “And you can imagine for some that level of impairment right now is mild to moderate, for others it might be much more extreme where some of the things we’re suggesting, I’m at such a disruptive level of mood, I can’t even engage in those simple lifestyle things,

I might require more intensive support system. In that case if I can’t do those things because I’m still high level disruptive, I’m strongly encouraging those of you to reach out for family support, their family doctor [and other trusted health professionals in the community].”

“There’s an old saying in social work, every door is the right door,” he said.

On the other end of the crisis line, health professionals can help direct the call, inform people of what is available in the community and find the right direction for each individual.

“Four Counties Crisis has a crisis line available to all residents of Haliburton County, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year for absolutely free,” said Veitch. “That line is there. And just knowing it’s there, if something does go wrong, I don’t have to worry about who I can call, I know I can call and talk to that trained mental health professional. Maybe it’s reaching out to the family doctor or trusted support at Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services, knowing what resources are available and accessible is going to be a big advantage to rather, there’s a crisis happening and we have to search for somebody.”

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| Confirmed Cases  | 18         | 182                    | 45             | 245     |
| Current Probable Cases+  | 0          | 0                      | 0              | 0       |
| Current High Risk Contacts+  | 3          | 3                      | 5              | 11      |
| Hospitalizations (Total to Date)   | 1          | 11                     | 3              | 15      |
| Resolved**   | 16         | 161                    | 42             | 219     |
| Not Resolved   | 2          | 2                      | 2              | 6       |
| Deaths   | 0          | 32                     | 1              | 33      |
| Current Outbreaks  | 0          | 0                      | 0              | 0       |

As of Oct. 6, there are two active confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, according to data released by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Sixteen previously reported cases have been resolved. / Screenshot from [hkpr.on.ca](https://hkpr.on.ca).





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## Bus cancellations a last resort

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Muskoka region, TLDSB communications officer Sinead Fegan confirmed that the issue is throughout the board.

"Yes, Haliburton has been experiencing shortages recently," she said in an email to the *Times*. "The board has been doing daily cancellations. These cancellations are being done on a rotating basis to minimize the time that students are without transportation into our schools. Please note, cancellations are done as a last resort."

### Class restructuring

Some students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School – and other schools within the board – will be changing classrooms and in some cases teachers, as the board makes adjustments based on enrolment at physical schools and in virtual school.

A letter sent home to students at ASES on Oct. 2 reads, in part: "As class numbers are now settling the difficult decision about having to decrease staff at physical schools to support the increased number of students

participating in the Learn@Home School has necessitated a reduction of one classroom at Archie Stouffer Elementary School."

Similar letters went out elsewhere, with news website Kawartha411 quoting a nearly identical phrase from a message sent out by the principal of Dunsford District Elementary School.

Fegan told the *Times* that adjustment to staffing was not happening at all schools, only those where they are needed.

"Due to the reorganization, some cohorts will be changing in some classes," she said.

At ASES, restructuring will take place in the primary classes, with class sizes aligning with Ministry of Education guidelines. Those parents and guardians whose children will be affected will be contacted directly, the letter says. The changes are to take place Oct. 13, following the Thanksgiving weekend.

Fegan said she didn't know if further reorganization would be needed in the future.

"We are not sure if this will be the last time a reorganization is required. We are working to be responsive to family requests for switching between online learning and in school learning," she said.



### Raise a glass

The Minden Rotary Club had to get creative for its fundraising this year due to COVID-19, with events such as the dinner and auction unable to go ahead. "FUNdraising" chairperson Sharon Foster suggested wine sales would be one way to bring dollars in, and Rotary partnered with Fielding Estate Winery. Fielding has local connections and were happy to help support community initiatives. More than \$2,000 was raised and the Minden Rotary Club intends on doing the fundraiser again. They thank Fielding for their support. Future ideas include an online auction with local merchants sometime before Christmas. Go to [MindenRotary.ca](http://MindenRotary.ca) for details. /Submitted by Lynda Litwin



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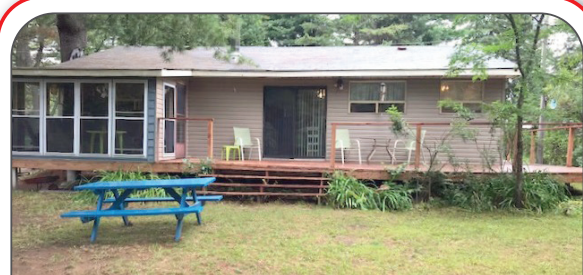
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# Turkey, stuffing and contradiction

**T**HIS WEEKEND is Thanksgiving and, like most everything in 2020, it will be different than usual.

As the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario drags on towards seven months, the number of confirmed new daily cases in the province is way up from the summer, hitting a record 732 last Friday. It's widely forecast that numbers will surpass 1,000 by mid-month. The long-predicted second wave of the virus appears to be upon on us in Ontario.

Enter Thanksgiving. On the record-setting occasion of last Friday, the provincial government announced it was "pausing" the 10-person social bubble recommendation that has been in place for months,

asking Ontarians to revert to having close contact only with those in their own household, as was the case when the pandemic began in the spring.

When Premier Doug Ford and other officials – including the province's health minister and chief medical officer – were asked directly during last Friday's press conference whether people should be getting together with extended family for Thanksgiving, no one was willing to give a direct answer. Rather, responses were vague, including phrases like "keep your circle tight," and "hunker down."

No one wanted to provide a direct response because telling Ontarians they can't spend Thanksgiving with their families when a host of businesses – including bars, restaurants, gyms and casinos – remain open is incongruent and contradictory.

You can have Thanksgiving dinner alongside 99 strangers at a restaurant or banquet hall, but not at Aunt Janice's. That's going to be as difficult to swallow as dry stuffing for some people. Yes, it's true that you're not going to be tempted to greet those 99 strangers the way you would loved ones at Aunt Janice's, but the contradiction is glaring.

While numbers of daily confirmed cases of the virus may be equivalent to what they were in the spring, the proverbial landscape looked much different at the time. Most types of businesses had been mandated closed. And while there are calls to revert to at least Stage 2 of the provincial COVID-19 recovery framework, mandating

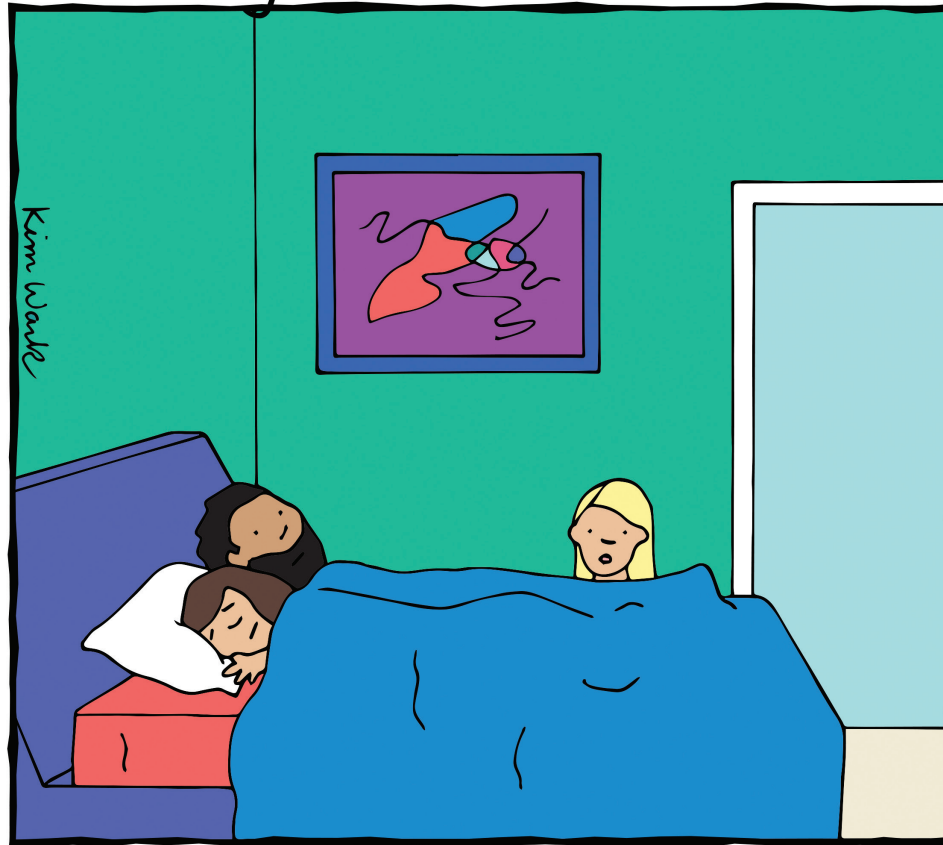
more types of businesses to close their doors or increase restrictions, at press time, that had not happened.

We haven't even touched on the biggest contradiction yet, which is the fact that in September, a couple of million students in Ontario's publicly funded schools headed back to the classroom. Yes, those of a certain age (or all students, in our school board) must wear face masks, but the fact is that a child entering a school is subject to the germs of hundreds of other students five days a week. The idea of social bubbles was essentially burst with the return to school.

As for Aunt Janice's, while many Ontarians will heed the provincial call and keep their Thanksgiving gatherings to their own households, many will not, risking fines to get together for what will technically be illegal Thanksgiving feasts in some cases.

**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



"I had that nightmare where I lose my phone."

## Missed opportunities

**A**S SOMEONE who has been hunting ducks, geese, grouse, and other birds for more than 40 years, I believe I have some expertise to offer. In fact, I would go so far as to say no one knows more about missing game birds than I do.

Over the decades, I have missed birds in the air, in the water, while they sat in trees and as they sauntered away on solid ground. I have missed them at close and far range and, most spectacularly, at optimum range.

Oh sure, I have hit a bunch too. Accidents happen.

What I have also learned, however, is that there are several ways to reduce the misses you make.

The first and perhaps most effective one is to hunt alone. If you do this, I can guarantee that you will reduce your misses on that hunt by no less than 100 per cent – if you can keep your mouth shut.

Unfortunately, most of us hunt with witnesses – I mean hunting buddies – and this makes reducing the misses attributed to you even more difficult.

Yet, it is not wholly impossible.

One of the most effective ways to reduce your misses is to time your shots to coincide with those of other hunters. Then, when a bird folds, you quickly say, "I got it."

The quick part is critical.

This is not as easy as it sounds, especially when you hunt with my hunting buddies. Some of those guys are so expert at this that they yell out, "I got it!" before even shooting. Yet, if you get some tutoring, preferably from a competent auctioneer, you will be the first to claim a downed bird, whether

you hit it or not.

You can also reduce your misses by always aiming at the first bird leading a flock. With any luck at all, you'll hit one of the followers. The key here is to tell everyone, "I was actually aiming at that bird because I noticed that it looked a little more edible than the whole flock in front of it."

Which brings me to another strategy – always aim at the largest, closest and slowest bird in range – after all, that is the one everyone else is aiming at too. If it falls, quickly yell "Got it!" If you and everyone

else misses that one, it will never be spoken of again.

Another less reliable way of denying a miss is to say you never shot at all after you shot. Yes, this sounds like an impossible thing to do when you are standing shoulder to shoulder with someone in a duck blind, but not if you quickly open a jar of rotten eggs and suggest that the chili you ate last night was "kind of spicy."

You can also fall back on the claim that you didn't miss at all. Naturally, the hunters with you will point out that the bird you shot at kept flying and is now in the next county. To that, you should immediately reply that the bird in question is "clinically dead" but being carried by "a combination of freak thermals and momentum." Then, assure them that you'll retrieve it later.

The point here is that, if you live right, there are many ways that you can prevent other hunters from spreading rumours that will have local farmers inviting you to shoot at the broad sides of their barns just to see for themselves.

In which case, tell them you were aiming at the knothole.

**STEVE GALEA**  
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# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## October, a bad news month

**W**ELCOME TO OCTOBER, a nice month with a reputation for pre-winter fun gatherings, fall beauty and OK weather.

This October is different. Octoberfests are out. Crowded Thanksgiving dinners are not recommended. Halloween is looking to be the night of the empty streets, and that's really scary.

The second COVID-19 wave has arrived, carrying in its wake the fears and social restrictions that we experienced during the initial outbreak of late last winter and early spring.

New cases are rising throughout much of the world. Ontario had two record-breaking days of new cases last week and Quebec's new cases increased steadily, reaching more than 1,000 in 24 hours late last week.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

October never has been a good news month for health. Temperature swings bring on colds and flu season. Ailments like sinusitis and arthritis are more prominent. Allergies increase misery as they take their last desperate gasps before winter.

Also, the American Heart Association says there are complications for those with heart problems as our bodies work to adapt to lower temperatures, icy rains and cold winds.

Add to that a Columbia University study of New York City health records showing that people born in October have increased disease risk.

One of the deadliest disease months in history was October 1918, the year of the Spanish flu pandemic. In the United States roughly 200,000 people died of the flu in the 31 days of October.

All dark news indeed. Plus, the expectation that COVID cases and deaths, and all the madness that comes with them, will increase even more before October ends.

But let's not focus on the darkness. Remember that old saying: It is always darkest before the dawn.

There are glimmers of light. Every single day the medical community learns more about this virus – how to lessen its spread, how to treat it and how to make it less deadly.

Last week scientists studying COVID cases in India reported that eight per cent of people carrying the virus were responsible for 60 per cent of all new infections. On the flip side, 71 per cent of people with COVID-19 did not spread it to anyone else.

That is encouraging news because our chances of encountering it are less than first feared, if we follow the advice delivered regularly by the medical community: Avoid people, keep your distance from those you can't avoid, do not meet in enclosed places or tight groups and wear a mask.

After eight months of this everyone is exhausted. Exhausted from worry. Exhausted from working to maintain some necessary normalcy without creating more opportunities for the virus to spread and further damage our lives.

Exhausted from thinking about what can be done to help the front-line workers, put at risk every day, and the business owners and others suffering disastrous income losses.

No matter the exhaustion, remember that dawn will crack the darkness, providing the light needed to illuminate the lessons we need to follow for rebuilding better lives.

A key lesson is to shut up and listen. Listen to the medical experts who deal in scientific facts and know that injecting politics into a life crisis is really bad medicine. Ignore the politicians, who need to talk less and spend their time designing non-partisan policies helpful to everyone.

Especially ignore the social media goonies and the unintelligentsia who say their rights are more important than a nation's health.

Ignore also the United States, which no longer has anything positive to offer about building a strong, better society for the future. It is a country of self-serving individuals, while Canada is a society of communities looking out for others.

While waiting for the darkness to recede completely we can enjoy thinking about all the good things that will return when the light appears and the darkness is gone. Like the joy of walking up to someone, asking them how they are and giving them a hug.

This October will bring not only some gloom and unhappiness, but expectations of good things to come. The October winds and rains now taking down those beautiful leaves of autumn also are blowing away the craziness of the COVID-19 pandemic, and all the madness of the year 2020.

### letters to the editor

## LTC Day of Action planned

The Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition invites you to join us in support of our LTC Day of Action Drive-In, Thursday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will meet at the municipal parking lot across from Baked and Battered in Haliburton. Please bring a sign if you can to place on your vehicle.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, only 25 attendees are permitted to attend and we will be monitoring numbers. We ask that you please remain in your vehicle during the event.

To register or for more information please email Terry Hartwick [hartwickterry@gmail.com](mailto:hartwickterry@gmail.com).

This event is in solidarity with The Ontario Health Coalition Day of Action on Long-Term Care. Thank you in advance for your support. "Our Seniors Matter."

**Bonnie Roe**  
Organizer

## Take a breath

**I**HAD A CLIENT who was a radiologist. During one of our strength training workouts I was coaching him on breathing. The optimum way to breathe when lifting weights is to exhale during the work part of the cycle, and then the inhale happens at the returning phase.

There I was standing beside him saying "OK now inhale, and exhale." After a few annoying (for him) sets of this he said "Laurie, if you just tell people to exhale they will inhale, trust me."

Breathing is magical in so many ways that we don't often consider. You're breathing right now. At least, I really hope that you are (insert wink face here). You're not thinking about it at all and it happens. That is amazing. Oxygen must get to every part of our body or life cannot be sustained. When it comes to exercising, breathing enhances the results. That is just one aspect of breathing.

Lately I've been paying attention to how I feel when I take a deep breath. Especially when I'm standing outside in the fresh cool autumn air. The deeper the breath I take the more grounded I feel. I'm writing this article because I was curious about why that happens. The explanation is simple. Essentially, when we're so focused on one action we cannot worry about any past actions or fret about what the future might hold. Taking that breath brings you right

into the moment. Being completely present allows us to let go of negative thoughts that can lead to tension in our bodies.

Want to give it a try? How about now? It's simple.

- Get comfortable – seated, standing or lying down.
- Close your eyes (finish reading these instructions first).
- Take a breath. Inhale through your nose (or mouth) and feel your rib cage expand.
- Hold that breath for a couple of seconds.
- Exhale slowly through your nose or mouth and feel the movement in your rib cage.
- Open your eyes and smile

because you just did something good for yourself.

There are many variations on breathing techniques available online. Find something that works for you or just stop through your day and take a breath. Breathing is a perfect tool to help us through the stressful moments. We have it with us at all times and there's no equipment needed. Not even a device. Now, that is magical!

Something to think about.

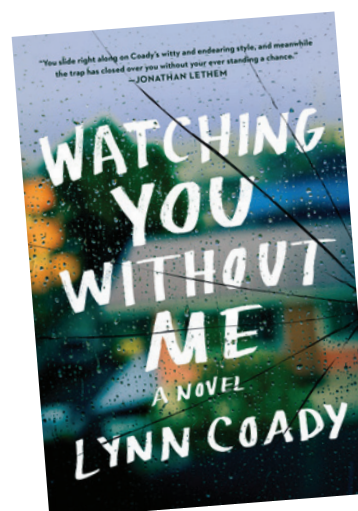
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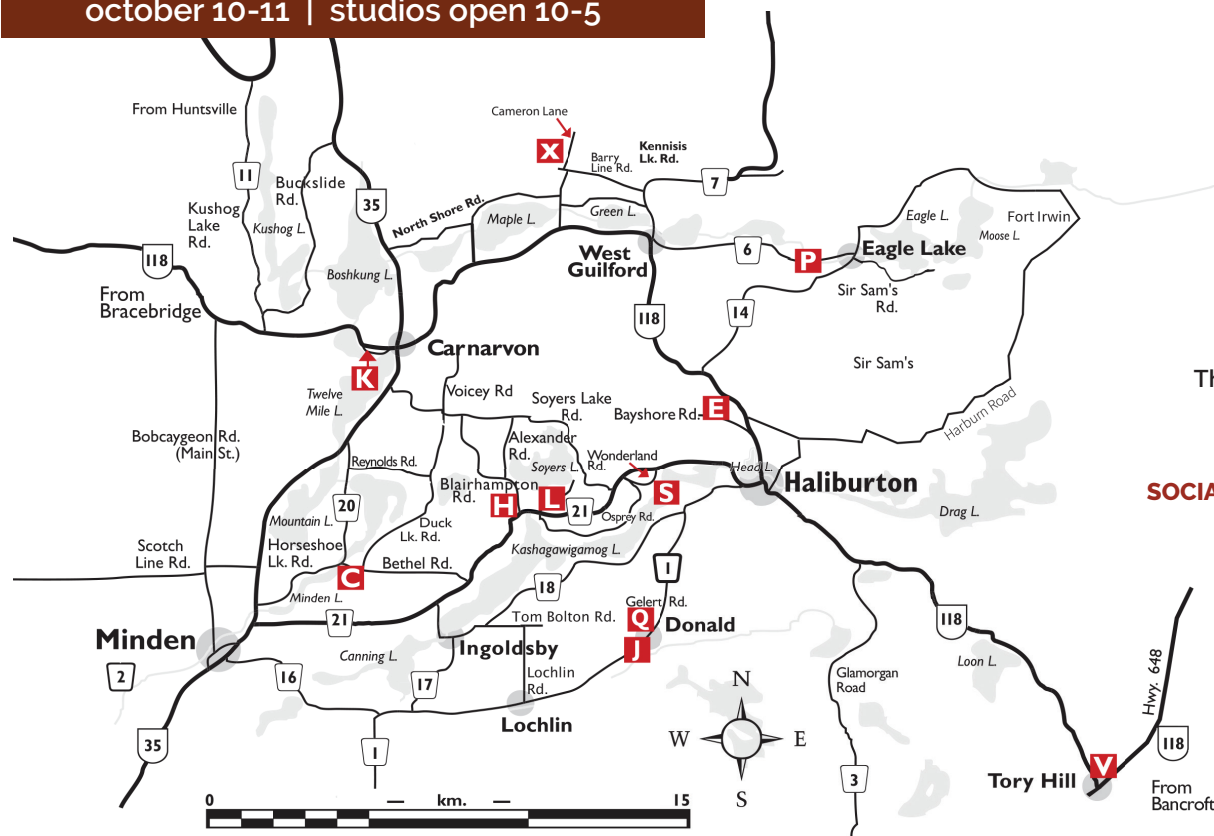
## Book of the Month - October



After her mother's sudden death, Karen finds herself back in her childhood home in Nova Scotia for the first time in a decade, acting as full-time caregiver to her older sister, Kelli. Overwhelmed and consumed by the isolation of her new role, Karen finds solace in Trevor – one of Kelli's caregivers. She gratefully accepts his friendship and comes to trust him all the more when she discovers how close Trevor was to their mother, Irene. What begins with friendly advice and someone to talk to, however, soon takes a dark and mysterious turn. Who is Trevor, really? How well does Karen know the stranger she has entrusted so completely with her sister's well-being? As Trevor slowly weaves himself more deeply into Karen and Kelli's lives, Karen begins to grasp the unsettling truth. Trevor's "care" is not as innocuous as it seems. Check out this electrifying Evergreen nominee from Haliburton County Public Library today.



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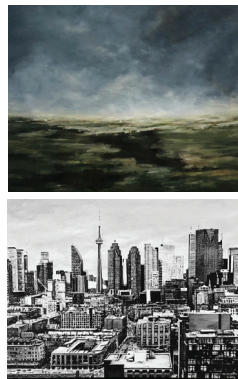
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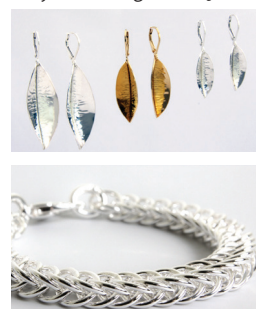
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# Studio Tour busy on its first weekend

by **MICHAEL RILEY**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour celebrated its 33rd year of operation Oct. 3 and 4 – the first of its two weekends. Due to COVID-19 and its restrictions, 12 artists decided to participate this year, down from 40 artists that were originally slated to partake in the tour.

While the studio tour in Bancroft was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, the Haliburton tour went ahead with restrictions in place. The artists involved celebrated a busy first day. Paradigm Designs and Pottery Lane Studio, A Stitch at a Time and Blackbird Pottery and Artech Studios all said that Saturday, Oct. 3 had been extremely busy for them, comparable to a brisk business day they had experienced during previous years' studio tours.

Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyers-Emmink are the co-directors of this year's Studio Tour steering committee.

"It's definitely a different tour this year for obvious reasons, with 12 studios having made the decision to open their doors with COVID-19 safety protocols in place," says Peter Emmink.

These protocols included requiring masks, having sanitizer at the door, ensuring distancing was observed, having limits on the number of people inside their studios and having outdoor tented areas showcasing the art wherever possible.

Susan Watson Ellis runs Paradigm Designs with her husband Todd Jeffrey Ellis and creates the jewelry they sell. She says that Saturday Oct. 3 was amazing, and as good as some of her best years.

"It's always busier on the Saturday so it's a little more manageable today," she said on Sunday.

Ellis says that in addition to the usual safety protocols, she has also put a mirror outside for people to try on something without their mask. Generally, she says her customers' ques-



Sabrina Gibbs, right, receives her pottery purchase from Yael Novak at Pottery Lane Studios. Novak said business was brisk on Saturday, Oct. 3 - the first day of The Studio Tour. People like to shop for items that can brighten their day, she said. /MICHAEL RILEY Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

tions have been pretty focused on her products and not on COVID-19 much at all.

"I think everybody's got that down as far as what we need to do to protect ourselves," she says.

In terms of sales, she says that the studio tour is a big show for her, comparable to the One of a Kind Show she usually attends in Toronto. She expects next weekend to be even busier.

"Both days will be busier because Monday is a holiday [Thanksgiving], so people are in the region longer. They're not heading back home as soon," she says.

Yael Novak runs Pottery Lane Studio with her husband Bob. Bob says that there have been fewer people coming

through, but more purchases being made from those people.

Yael Novack says Saturday was phenomenal.

"It was non-stop. It was the best ever, and people are genuinely happy to be here," says Yael, "Yesterday was exceptionally busy. We didn't have time to sit down. People were lining up and waiting patiently to get in," she says.

Yael says the studio tour is always the highlight of the summer in terms of visitors and sales.

"It's a community thing and you want to be part of a community. It's a wonderful community around here of artists. People are tired of being indoors. They're looking for things for their soul," she says. "They're looking for things to

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# Art lovers flock to area studios

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brighten up their day.” April Gates is the creative force behind Blackbird Pottery. She says it’s been a great tour so far.

“It’s a bit strange because of COVID-19 but other than that, it’s been fairly typical. I would say it’s on par with normal numbers of people we’d see in other years,” she says.

Gates says she has been taking lots of orders for her work, which should keep her busy into Christmas and New Years.

She says that studio tour is an important piece of her income in any given year, but that she’s a full-time artist. “People know where I am if they want to come and buy any of my pottery,” she says.

In addition to her pottery, she also teaches her craft at the Haliburton School of Art + Design and at her studio. When it was safe to open up with up to 100 or more people outdoors, she also hosted a pop-up market with some invited artists, which she says went well.

Gates says that usually Thanksgiving weekend is the busiest weekend of the two that the studio tour is on. She is hoping that some of her regulars she hasn’t seen yet will be popping by then.

“Overall, I’ve managed to keep myself pretty busy despite the times,” she says.

At Artech Studios glassblowing studio in Highlands East, Jenn Wanless-Craig and



Shelley van Nood of A Stitch at a Time Quilts and Handmade Scarves said the first day of the tour was amazing. /MICHAEL RILEY Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Terry Craig are busy showing their customers how they make their unique glasswares in their opened-up studio space. The 2000-degree Fahrenheit oven and the glassblowing torches are getting a good workout as they finesse the glassware into the desired shapes.

Wanless-Craig says that Oct. 3 was ridiculously busy, and of course, is expecting next weekend to be even more so with Thanksgiving. In addition to her art,

Wanless-Craig also sits on the studio tour steering committee.

Craig said the tour gives them a chance to show people what they can do.

“We can show them how the glassworks are made. It’s nice to share what we do with people,” he says.

While the tour is important financially to their bottom line, they also have over a dozen other retail shows they usually do if not for

the pandemic. A Stitch at a Time Quilting and Hand Made Scarves is run by Shelley van Nood, who echoes her fellow artists’ view that the first day of the studio tour was amazing.

“It was the busiest day that I can remember having. Last year was busy, but this year yesterday I finally got to have lunch at about 3 p.m. I had some soup out here, as there were just so many people around wanting to look and buy my quilts,” she says.

Van Nood says that she is a hygienist in her working life, so infection control and cleanliness are second nature to her, which makes adhering to COVID-19 restrictions easier for her and her family. Also, she admits that her quilt and scarf creations are more of a hobby, which sets her apart from her fellow artists, many of whom make their work full time.

“People will call with a request and I’ll do that for them of course, but this is my hobby. This isn’t my business. So, what I make now in revenue literally goes back into more fabric to make next year’s quilts,” she says. “It’s an addiction, but my ‘stash’ are my colourful fabrics.”

The Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour was open this past weekend and will be on next weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can go to [www.thestudiotour.ca](http://www.thestudiotour.ca) for more information about the various artists and their wares.

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## Minden business owner fined for face mask infraction

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The OPP have confirmed they have charged a Minden business owner under the province’s Reopening Ontario Act, and while the police do not disclose the names of those charged under the act, the business owner addresses the fine in a YouTube video.

“I can’t confirm the business but I can advise that a local business was fined \$880 for an offence under the Reopening Act,” Const. Amanda Gilbert of the Haliburton Highlands OPP told the *Times*. “Our detachment responded to a contravention of the mandatory requirement to wear masks. Those charged with this offence are issued a Part I summons under the Provincial Offences Act and we do not specify names of those who receive these tickets.”

In a YouTube video uploaded Sept. 28, Amanda Vollmer, owner of Minden’s Yum Naturals, formerly called the Yummy Mummy Emporium & Apothecary, talks about receiving a fine. Vollmer, who at press time had not responded to requests for comment for this story, stirred controversy in March with a social media post calling COVID-19 a hoax, and had more recently posted a sign outside her business saying face masks were prohibited.

“I had two police officers walk into my store and slap an \$880 fine on me,” Vollmer says in the Sept. 28 video, which is called TheBIGHoax.com with Amanda Vollmer and Tom Barnett. “And I asked what law I broke, or what was the specific evidence that I broke the law, and the police officer pointed at his mask, and I’m like, you can’t prove that in a court of law. I said, I want your name so I can hold you personally liable for this if this goes sideways. So I hope you know this is

“ I had two police officers walk into my store and slap an \$880 fine on me. — AMANDHA VOLLMER ”

going to be on your person. But I ended up doing a rescission, so, basically write ‘rescission’ on the ticket and send it back, because I’m not contracting with criminals.”

The guests on the video express anti-government views and make it clear they believe the government to be part of a larger worldwide system of oppression.

“You just don’t contract with them,” Vollmer continues. “And that’s where a lot of people get pulled into this system, they keep contracting with these people over and over. They don’t understand anything; basic health, basic law, the basics.”

The host then mentions the media, contending its role is the dumbing down of society.

“They love me,” Vollmer says of the media. “They’re like, oh that Amanda, she got another ticket, let’s do another news article on her. It’s like, don’t you even want to have the conversation? I’m so embarrassed for you, you don’t even want to talk. You just want a soundbite. Everything is just, let’s throw her under the bus again.”

The video also contains discussion where participants contend it’s impossible for the human body to contract viruses.



# Guideline changes may reduce number of children tested for COVID-19

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

“Thank goodness guidelines have changed, easier on families for sure,” said Dr. Norm Bottum after the provincial government updated screening protocols for children last week, amending a COVID-19 screening policy to focus on a shorter list of symptoms than before for kids attending childcare or school.

“Prior to [the Oct. 1] announcement, the self assessment tool listed about 17 symptoms and said if your child has one of these symptoms persisting for more than a few hours, and for whom the symptoms are new and not related to seasonal allergies or pre-existing medical conditions, [they] may stay home and/or return home if symptoms appear during the school day,” said Sinead Fegan, Trillium Lakelands District School Board communications. “Now, the updated Ministry of Health’s Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment tool for children in school has two sets of questions about symptoms that may yield different next steps depending on which symptoms are selected. The symptom list also no longer includes abdominal pain or pink eye.”

“Ensuring that children can attend school with minimal interruption is an important part of their healthy growth and development,” Dr. David Williams, chief medical officer of health for the province, said in a government press release on Oct. 1. “Based on a review of the current evidence and consulting with paediatric infectious diseases experts, we are updating the list of symptoms in the COVID-19 screening tool for schools and child care to ensure that our children receive the education and care that they need while minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.”

The first set of screening questions asks about symptoms such as fever or persistent cough. Students with these symptoms are still advised to stay home, consult with a medical provider to receive an alternative diagnosis or receive a negative COVID-19 test. The second set of questions monitors symptoms such as a runny nose or headache. If children have one of those symptoms they are advised to stay home for 24 hours, returning to school if the symptom improves. Children with two or more of those symptoms are advised to stay home until they are able to see a doctor for an alternative diagnosis, or receive a negative COVID-19 test.

“Parents/guardians must screen their child for symptoms every day before they come to school,” reads an Oct. 2 update to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board website. “Please disregard the School Attendance: A Resource for Families two-page handout TLDSB schools sent home last week, and moving forward, use the Ontario government’s COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School for daily screening.”

On Wednesday of last week, Bottum was at Haliburton’s COVID-19 assessment centre, which saw about 13 kids – some in a separate testing area in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services building, some through the drive-through testing site – for COVID-19 testing that day, at least 35 kids that week.

“The rules are now, that if the kids aren’t well they either have to isolate for two weeks or they have to be cleared with a COVID swab and be free of symptoms,” he said at that time. “A lot of parents are choosing to get their children swabbed so they can get back to school earlier. We’ve seen a lot of kids with two or three days with queasy stomachs or sniffles and then they feel better, but until they have that COVID swab they can’t go back.”

Bottum said the influx of kids had increased the busyness and numbers at the assessment centre, which increased hours to be open five days rather than three days a week last week in part because of the additional population coming in.

“I think that’s part of it, I think there’s maybe a few more adults that are having symptoms now,” said Bottum. “We don’t know if their kids are bringing it to them or their grand-kids. That’s really one of the concerns isn’t it, if COVID ends up coming through kids and they share it with their family, it can spread pretty quickly. The thing with kids is that their symptoms tend to be fairly mild, so a runny nose could be COVID-19.”

The next day, the daily health assessment plan changed.

“We have had a number of children with only one symptom lasting only a day or two,” said Bottum. “Based on recommendations, we have to trust that these cases have a low probability of being COVID-19 cases. They still have to be well or significantly better to return to school.”

In Ontario, as of Oct. 6, 347 schools, just more than seven per cent of the province’s 4,828 public schools, are currently

listed on the province’s data tracking website as having a reported case of COVID-19, with 611 cases being reported in total – 333 of those cases are students, 102 are staff and 176 individuals have not been identified as staff or student. Three schools have closed. In child care centres and homes, 187 cases have been reported in total, 110 of those related to kids, 77 related to staff. To date, 48 centres have been closed and 249 homes closed while currently 88 centres of 5,183 have a confirmed case and 20 centres are currently closed. As of Oct. 6, 55,483 tests done in the province were still in line at the lab to be investigated.

At the local testing centre, there are a couple of different testing options used – one a deep swab in the nose, the other that doesn’t go as far back.

“Both are irritating,” said Bottum. “But kids by-and-large are pretty good ... parents I think have really spent a lot of time getting their kids prepared that it’s going to be uncomfortable, but we need to do this, and we need to do this before you can go back to school. Kids have been really impressive as to how they’ve been tolerating it.”

Bottum said both schools and medical professionals are working to get the tests done and get kids back to school.

“Most have had very minimal symptoms,” he said. “I’ve been on today and I haven’t seen any sick, sick kids, but they have had symptoms that could be consistent with a vi-

rus, which could be consistent with COVID-19 or any other virus.”

While the test is not necessarily a pleasant experience for kids, Bottum said getting it done and getting the results back – which is currently taking about four to five days – can be quicker for students and parents rather than isolating for two weeks.

“Some of these parents are just getting back to work, so having to take two weeks off after having just gone back to work is difficult,” he said. “I think they want to be able to get their children back to school for their sake, but also for the parent’s sake to return to work.”

Bottum also soothed worries that attending the test centre for a test was putting people at risk of contracting COVID-19, with health-care providers changing PPE and disinfecting the room between each patient.

“The odds of that are basically zero,” he said.

For further information on COVID-19 cases in schools and child care centres as recorded by the Ontario government, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-cases-schools-and-child-care-centres>. Further information on school screening is available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Parents with questions have been asked by the school board to contact their child’s school.



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# Humorous message at heart of new detective novel by Minden author

Minden's Kevin E. Buckley welcomes people to read his satirical detective novel, *The Secret Sign of the Lizard People*. It promises to inform as it entertains while making readers laugh, as they follow detectives Jerry "Leafy" Green and Bill "Beefy" Goodness, who look to solve a murder in Hollywood. /

DARREN LUM Staff



by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

Sitting at author Kevin E. Buckley's kitchen table at his Minden residence located on a country road where chipmunks and squirrels dominate traffic, is a little like getting into the mind of the protagonist in an intriguing novel; Buckley has lived a life filled with hard work and creativity, with a passion for literature and music, and a love for the outdoors.

He came to live in the rugged beauty of the Highlands close to three decades ago, starting his journey across the ocean, having grown up in the suburbs of Liverpool where he "played in the vacant bomb sites left over from the Second World War" and then living and working in London, England.

His newest novel, *The Secret Sign of the Lizard People*, released on Aug. 23, is the third published work by Buckley. The detective novel is set in Hollywood with a nod to fiction by the likes of popular author Jasper Fforde. The passion project took him 18 months to complete and has already had its share of fans.

Steven Smith of Books and Beyond Reviews said, "This book is an incredible romp of Hollywood proportions. It's ludicrous and laugh out loud funny. At its core *The Secret Sign of the Lizard People* is a buddy cop style story with plenty of to and fro between the two leading men – Jerry 'Leafy' Green and Bill 'Beefy' Goodness."

Buckley said the story's main characters, Goodness and Green, are representative of the kind of division that is happening in American politics.

"Leafy and Beefy are two sides to the American coin. Leafy is a slightly left of centre Democrat. Beefy is slightly right of centre Republican, Trump supporter, MAGA hat wearer. Leafy is not. ... I use that as a basis for quite a bit of damning dialogue if you like, but I put forward both sides of the picture," he said.

He admits there are aspects of himself in the lead characters, particularly Leafy with his inability to dance, which he describes as being "choreographically challenged" or how he is a "socialist at heart."

"If there's going to be an antagonist, or slight anti-hero, that would be him. I identify more with that label," he said.

As far as other characters in the book, people in the Highlands may recognize aspects of someone they know, he said. Readers will be rewarded if they pay attention, because there weren't any real names used.

The goal of his book was to bring attention to the issue of climate change, but do it with humour so it engages, he said.

"Just before the title page is a quote from James Joyce and it's a very simple one. It's 'in risu veritas'. In Latin, as you probably know, is 'in laughter, truth'. I tried to get a message across which encapsulates it in a humorous way, and the message is – although COVID and what have you is a very serious thing, this whole episode we've had and all the disasters that

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# Humanity's attention should be on climate change

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seem to be going on – the most important issue we face as humankind is climate change. That's the absolute most important message that I'm trying to get across."

The issue with climate change is that it is happening slowly and unlike a natural disaster such as a meteor striking the earth it just doesn't garner attention, he said.

He said he's done a lot of reading and research on climate change. The situation is dire, he said. He believed a book that made its readers laugh would provide the necessary engagement to effect change for a brighter future. He hopes his book will also be able to attract a younger generation, who are crucial to resolving climate change for not just his family, but for everyone.

"It's the whole of humanity. In my opinion I honestly believe that if I go on Facebook – and I try to avoid it, but occasionally I do go on social media, ... we shouldn't be talking about the next Xbox ... so much as [climate change, which] we should be screaming it from the rooftops right now," he said.

He cited a few examples of how climate change has already shown to be a threat: one, is an ice sheet that broke off of Greenland's ice shelf that is twice the size of Manhattan; and two, massive glaciers in Antarctica. If they completely melt, it could raise the sea level by four feet.

There is a hope, he said, this book can activate people's conscience without being depressing.

It "might be a catalyst for thought and consideration of what's really going on right now," he said. "The bottom line is to have a good laugh without being too grim about the

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The bottom line is to have a good laugh without being too grim about the whole situation.

— KEVIN BUCKLEY

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whole situation."

*The Secret Sign of the Lizard People* is written in the noir style, which typically revolves around a main character in detective fiction – think Roman Polanski's classic *Chinatown* starring Jack Nicholson, or the 1990s iteration of *Fargo* by the Cohen brothers.

Buckley means no disrespect to Canada, but just finds American cities exciting as a backdrop for his novel.

"I think the United States for all their flaws and warts [and] problems is possibly one of the most interesting countries on the planet," he said.

He visited several of the cities where his book takes place.

Buckley's other inspiration for this novel is author Douglas Adams, who wrote *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and Kurt Vonnegut Jr., who he called his favourite.

Although the Highlands wasn't the setting for his novel, it serves a greater purpose for Buckley: it drives him in his effort to raise the alarm bell for climate change.

"Here we are in a relatively pristine area and I personally feel extremely fortunate to be able to live here. That's why I stayed here despite some of the obvious disadvantages. We don't have all the facilities [you'd find in the city] ... but my day is made if I see a deer, if I see a bear. Preferably not face to face," he said.

It's the same for his wife, who appreciates nature like he does.

This love of the natural world is what brought him to Haliburton County in 1989. It was actually his brother, who owned the former Northwood Inn in Haliburton, who enticed him to come here. His first book was written while living in Halls Lake.

*The Secret Sign of the Lizard People* is the first of a planned trilogy called *Tinsel Town Tall Tales Trilogy* with the second in progress now, which has a working title of *The Lost Song of the Zombie Shapeshifters*. Buckley admits the idea behind the trilogy was an im-

pulse, but thinking about it he believes there is enough substance for three books.

Much of his effort with the completed book is to market and promote it, which he's doing on social media. He is working to ensure the book is available to purchase online through retailers such as Amazon. Much of the usual promotion opportunities such as book festival/fair events have been cancelled due to COVID-19. He hopes to have a public book launch in the near future.

Writing fulfills him in a way nothing else can, he said, and even if he never sells another book he'll keep doing it.

"I'm one of these guys who has tons of ideas, but never enough time to put them to practice," he said.

Self-promotion, he said, is challenging for him. He doesn't mind as long as he gets to write because it's the process he loves.

"I feel I can express myself and not just myself. Express the ideas that are prevalent right now," he said.

For more information about the author and his book see his website [thesecretsignofthelizardpeople.com](http://thesecretsignofthelizardpeople.com).

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# Councillors pause on Maple Lake landfill redevelopment

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council supports a future reconfiguration and redevelopment of Maple Lake landfill which could cost almost \$1 million, but opted at its Oct. 1 meeting to hold off on getting started on the major project until further discussions on the township's projects and priorities and asset management plan are held.

Adam Thorn, operation manager, outlined the proposed Maple Lake landfill site operations centre redevelopment project to council during the regular meeting of council, held virtually.

Algonquin Highlands currently operates five waste disposal sites, and in 2015 converted the Dorset landfill, at the end of its capacity, to a transfer station, while choosing this past summer to close the Hawk Lake landfill in 2021 at the end of its operational life.

"The next step for us is the Maple site," said Thorn.

The 40 hectare site off of McPhail Road has an approved waste disposal area of 3.0 acres, and approximately 70 years left in it, and Thorn said in his report that "a relocation of the site operations centre off of the waste mound was a component of the Maple Lake site plan at the time of the expansion approval attained in 2011."

A report from Cambrium Inc. said the two primary reasons for this were: "the final shape of the landfill will be too steep and prone to differential settlement to accommodate the operational needs of the site," and "the relocating of the operational compo-



Algonquin Highlands council, seen here with operations manager Adam Thorn, bottom left, and parks, recreation and trails manager Chris Card, bottom right, met virtually Oct. 1 for a regular meeting of council./ Screenshot

nents of the site (the operations centre) off the waste mound gives the centre a permanent location that will not need to be moved as landfilling progresses."

In Thorn's report, a detailed needs assessment of the existing site by staff with assistance by Cambrium notes numerous challenges and opportunities at the site, including that traffic flow is poor causing bottlenecks, expected to get busier with additional users after the closure of the Hawk Lake site; sightlines are poor for attendants to monitor collection areas at the site and incoming traffic; expansion of the existing recycling area would require a redevelopment; increasing traffic volumes cannot be handled with the

current configuration; bin collection can't be accommodated with the current configuration; and there is limited capacity for future development and changes.

The proposed new operations centre would allow for better efficiency for both site users and staff.

"So the layout of the site itself isn't great, it's not efficient for site users or for staff that have to continually move around on the site," Thorn told council. "So over the last couple of years we've spent quite a few hours in that landfill building walls and creating spots to help make a better flow, a more efficient flow if you will, and slowly we've been [filling] up the area with waste. What we're

proposing here is to move off of the mound. Sometime within the span of that 70 years we're going to have to do that."

A weigh scale was recommended to "allow for more consistent assessment of incoming materials, significant improvements to quantify landfill usage, and the ability to better track the results of waste diversion and reduction efforts," with Thorn noting the municipality was "losing out on that material coming in, that it's actually costing us much more to send that material out than what we're actually getting in."

Thorn's report said the project is a "one-time move/change for long-term value" and

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# Site changes could turn ‘dump’ into ‘landfill’

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that a big change rather than a series of small changes was the best option. Three possible scenarios were presented to council, the first with a project start of 2020 and expected completion in 2021 at a cost of \$960,000; the second with a project start this year, with site open to traffic in 2020 and project completion in 2023 at a cost of \$985,000; and the third being ongoing site alterations with an operations area located on the waste mound, with staff recommending the first option.

“We’re proposing that we do that definitely sooner than later,” said Thorn. “By doing that we would create this operation centre off the mound but still within township property, that would create a site that we would not have to go into and redesign down the road. We’re not building this operation centre for tomorrow, or for next month, or for next year, we’re building it for the life of that site and beyond.”

Thorn said the site has seen as many as 355 cars a day, and a more efficient flow to the site would get traffic in and out quickly. “At the end of the day we’re always going to be bringing material to a landfill,” he said. “We want to get rid of that dump feeling, right? Everybody thinks of these sites as dumps because that’s what they were. We want to get away from that and start showing community site users that these are landfill sites, these are operation centres, these are clean, welcoming areas for people to do the right thing when they get inside the gate, that they can go to these areas and be designed a certain way that creates efficient flow.”

Mayor Carol Moffatt said the intention to

set something up like what Thorn was proposing had always been there, but noted the cost was “a big bite.”

“A million dollars in the world is not a lot of money but it’s a lot of money for us,” she said.

Councillor Lisa Barry said she supported the project in principle, but wanted to read the entire asset management plan before making a financial decision. Councillor Jennifer Dailloux agreed with Barry, saying she was “leery to support anything before the projects and priorities conversation, and see how it would fit into our budget.”

“I wonder what the scope is for thinking about our green responsibilities and our desire to reduce landfill and our recyclables,” she said. “If there’s a way of exemplifying that or manifesting that attention through this design, so that the traffic, the way that you flow through the site is encouraging you to recycle more and to dump less.”

Dailloux noted she didn’t need a response on that today, but said “It’s one of those overarching thoughts – this could be a real opportunity for us to look for ways to encourage best behaviour.”

Moffatt agreed, saying “For years, I said just because it’s a dump it doesn’t mean it has to be dirty, and over time, it’s remarkably improved in that regard, this will take it to the next step for sure.”

Council discussed funding opportunities, including using leftover modernization funding, or potentially provincial Green Screen funding or COVID-19 funding toward capital projects, if allowed.

“I just can’t see this expenditure all in one big whack, it’s just so much money,”

said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, who supported scenario 2 but was considering timing prior to the projects and priorities discussion. “Before I would agree to using modernization funding, I guess I’d like to see where we are with the modernization fund, how much has been spent, how much we have left.”

Moffatt said she wanted to ensure spending the modernization funding wouldn’t be at the cost of another project that hadn’t been implemented yet.

“The sooner we can get moving on this project definitely, the sooner it gets put in place and the sooner we can start recouping on the money we’re losing on the [construction and demolition materials] that goes out every year,” said Thorn, noting that the township took 90 cubic yards of C&D waste the day prior.

To recoup that money, Thorn said the scale was “definitely the way to go,” but that “trying to put the scale on the current site is throwing money out the window.”

He suggested much of the funding could possibly come from the landfill reserve, with modernization funding offsetting those costs, keeping in mind the township would also need to ensure there is money to cover the closure of the Hawk Lake landfill, with approximately \$50,000 currently in the reserve for the closure, which is estimated to cost \$250,000. He recommended looking at the reserves and shuffling money around to complete the Maple Lake landfill project.

“My thoughts to it is, it’s either we spend it now or we wait a couple of years and then this project just gained 15 per cent due to waiting, because we’ve already seen cost go up with the border being closed and things

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This could be a real opportunity for us to look for ways to encourage best behaviour.

— COUNCILLOR JENNIFER DAILLOUX

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of that nature,” said Thorn. “If it’s a reserve-funded project I personally think it’s easier to do that now than later, but at the end of the day it’s this group’s decision.”

“Now doesn’t necessarily mean today,” Moffatt said, asking councillors if they would be satisfied with further details, “to know that you’re looking at all the buttons before you press one.”

Moving forward, Moffatt asked for clarification on the Green Screen intake with the provincial government, a look at the financial plan for other projects being considered, and for more details to be brought back to the table for the projects and priorities discussion, about a month away.

Moffatt thanked Thorn and staff who were involved in the work in putting together the proposal.

“It’s about moving ahead and taking the community where it needs to be for the future,” said Moffatt.



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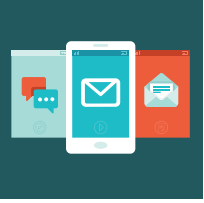


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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Mary McKelvey keeps herself and others active

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

Six times a year, in the pre-pandemic days, Mary McKelvey would greet more than four dozen guests as they arrived to the parking lot of the Minden Curling Club, and give them an opportunity – in the form of a bus ride to the casino – to win a fortune.

McKelvey has volunteered for the past three years to organize the popular bus trips from Minden to Casino Rama, bringing quite a bit of joy to up to 55 hopeful day-trippers who gather together for the trip and then sometimes disperse to their favourite machines and games once arriving at the casino, hoping for a little luck and getting, at least, a fun adventure for the day.

The trips cost guests about \$7, a price that used to include a buffet lunch – now it doesn't, but the day-trippers are clever, finding a deal when they can.

"If you get the right coupon, you can get your meal for half price, or get two-for-one and share your meal with a friend," noted McKelvey.

On the bus there is camaraderie, with updates on family and hobbies shared, and



Mary McKelvey smiles before getting on a bus to return home from a musical theatre outing in Toronto. For the past few years, McKelvey has organized bus trips to Casino Rama, shows and events in the city, and outings to tourist attractions in Ontario. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

birthdays celebrated. Most of the day-trippers are seniors, many of them regulars on the trip out of town, but sometimes younger family members or people with a day off of work might attend as well. Draws are held on the trip there, and on the trip back for a little bit of extra fun. What happens at the casino though, often stays at the casino.

"People are really funny about telling you

whether they've won or how much they've won, they just don't tell or divulge that information," said McKelvey. "They do sometimes but not very often, they keep it to themselves."

The bus is usually filled, and when it is, McKelvey is able to use some of the money collected toward a donation to the Minden Legion, up to \$120 every two months.

Prior to McKelvey getting involved, bus trips used to be organized by Shirley Howe, and before her, Bess Cox.

"Shirley decided she had done it long enough, she asked me, I hemmed and hawed, then I thought, that gives me something to

do," said McKelvey.

Last year she began offering to organize other trips, as well – including one to the musical *Come From Away* in July, and an Island Queen Cruise around Georgian Bay to see the changing of the leaves throughout Muskoka last September.

"Well, life doesn't end at 65," she laughed, when asked what made her take on the volunteer role of trip planner. "Another thing is, I really, really wanted to go to see *Come From Away*. I don't want to drive down to Toronto, find a place to park, go to that hassle. So the hassle I went for was to organize it, collect the money ... that's fun. It's worth it, because I really enjoyed going, and the cruise too was really fun."

McKelvey stopped organizing the bus trips when she learned of the spread of the coronavirus into Ontario. The casinos closed in March, and she made the decision to not run the trips again this year, out of concern for her guests, many of whom are seniors and are in the high-risk category for the virus effects.

"If one of them contracts it over there, and brings it onto the bus with 55 other people, I can't deal with that mentally, I just couldn't do it. We'll see when next year rolls around."

McKelvey said her usual roster of guests took her news in stride.

"They weren't surprised, and they were OK with my decision," she said, noting that she was fine with someone making a decision to take the bus trip on if they wanted to –

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

## Volunteer continues to find ways to help

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although Casino Rama is not one of the casinos that reopened at the end of last month.

Is she missing the trips? “I am,” she said. And then, acknowledging that sometimes organizing can be tiring, adds, laughing: “I’m missing the casino.”

McKelvey grew up as Mary Sault, in Toronto, where she studied and worked in a packaging company and at her uncle’s business, doing secretarial work.

“That’s how I was able to run my dad’s business when I did come up here, because I had that experience,” she said.

Prior to moving to the Highlands in 1973 to help her dad run his business, McKelvey had been coming to the area her entire life, to the family cottage her grandparents built on Boshkung Lake in the early 1940s.

“Black & McDonald, in Toronto, an appliance outfit, my grandfather was a good friend of Mr. McDonald’s,” said McKelvey. “I don’t really know how they got here. I know it was pretty tough back in those days, I don’t think there were any paved highways. They did come up, they did some exploring, found some property on Boshkung Lake and they both built cottages up here. That’s how they started to come up.”

McKelvey said she and her brother were both in the area, helping her dad’s business, first living at the cottage where “it was damn cold that winter.”

“I started to get to know people around here, and really liked the people I knew. I spent time at the Rockcliffe like all the young people do, and met people there. I just hung around, I stayed.”

In that time, she met Max McKelvey.

“That’s it, I had to stay then,” she said, laughing.

McKelvey’s friend Carol Cox, who worked in the office at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, suggested to McKelvey



Mary McKelvey, centre, has long been a volunteer in Minden Hills. She is the most recent organizer of the bus trips that take Minden residents to casino days, musical theatre and travel outings throughout Ontario, though those trips are on hold due to the pandemic./Submitted photo

one day that she work as an educational assistant.

“One time they were short of supply EAs, I said, sure, I’ll try it and see what happens, and that was the beginning of that,” said McKelvey. The supply job led to further education, at Sir Sanford Fleming, and McKelvey earned a diploma for the work she would continue for the next two decades.

“I was a little reluctant, a little scared, nervous, but I really liked it, I loved the kids,” said McKelvey. “That’s what I miss the most, is the kids at school.”

While life surely doesn’t end at 65, McKelvey’s working career didn’t end at that age either. She became a familiar face at ASES, as well as Stuart Baker and J.D. Hodgson

Elementary School until she retired at 67.

Even aside from organizing the bus trips, McKelvey has stayed active throughout the years. She was a breakfast club volunteer at ASES and a volunteer with the Red Wolves for more than 20 years. She’s volunteered at the Haliburton County Fair, and since 2002, has done the Walk of Hope for ovarian cancer awareness every year. Nowadays, she’s also kept active and young-at-heart caring for her grandchild for part of the week.

“Life isn’t over at 65,” she says again. “It’s good for your mind, to keep active.”

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- 3. **File No. PLSRA2019065:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Moore Lake, lying in front of 1272 Tundra Trail located within Lot 25, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
- 4. **File No. PLSRA2020005:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Vacant land having roll number 4616-051-000-19500 on Raccoon Lane located within Lot 9, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x506) or by e-mail at iclending@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting being held as an Electronic Meeting on **Thursday, October 8, 2020** at the hour of 9:00 AM At that time, Council will electronically hear any person or their counsel, solicitor, or agent, who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies in advance to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, October 29, 2020.**

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this September 30, 2020  
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The Public Meeting will be held to consider new fees and charges proposed in "Schedule A" Classes of Permits & Fees for the Building and By-law Department to establish a Mandatory Re-inspection Program.

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Renie was born in Hantumhuizen Netherlands Sept. the 3rd 1937. Her whole family immigrated to Canada in 1952 and settled in Ontario. Renie met John Legemaate there and were married June 27th 1959 and settled in Scarborough where Martin and Yvonne were born. Later they moved to Unionville and opened up a paint store. At that time they had already had a plot of land north of Unionville called Muddy Acers where a hobby farm had already started. After moving there the family enjoyed many family picnics, parties and even weddings! John and Renie were always drawn to the beauty of the North and moved to Lochlin where they retired. They enjoyed many years of hobbies, boating and community involvement. Words cannot describe her beautiful life of caring for others and her dedication to our Lord. She impacted many lives with her life, mirroring Jesus by humbly serving others.

A Private Family Gathering and Service to Celebrate Renie's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, October 5, 2020. Interment to follow at the Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery, Unionville.

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## Zoning change approved for Hwy 35

by Ariel White

Anson, Hindon and Minden council passed both the official plan amendment and by-law to re-zone the Highway 35 corridor to allow further retail businesses to be established along the Highway 35 bypass. There was no one in attendance to object to the change, despite earlier concerns expressed by downtown business owners.

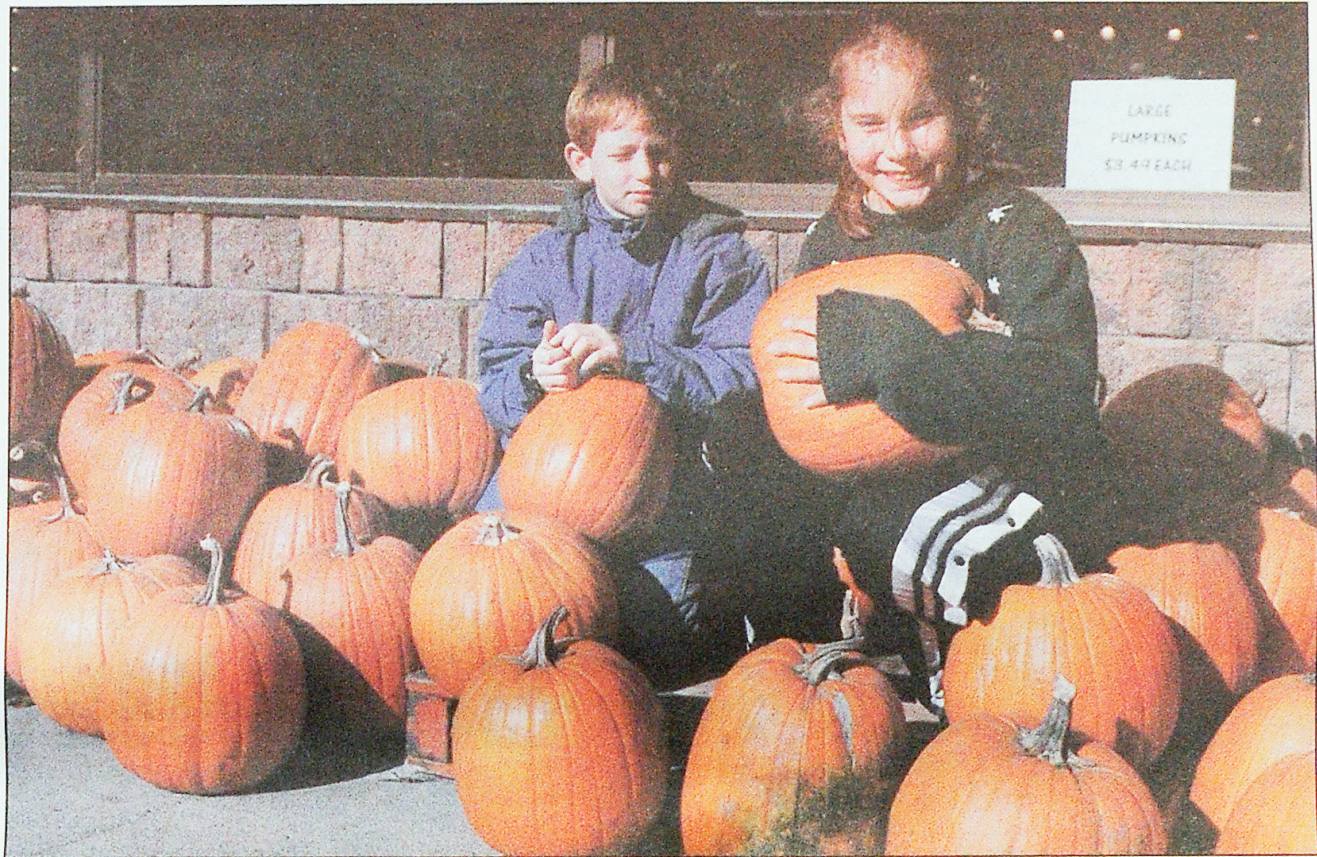
Council held a meeting with local business representatives in late August of this year to discuss their thoughts on the prospect of re-zoning the highway commercial portion of the highway. At that time there was a concerted protest from members of the Downtown Business Improvement Association. However, this presence was not apparent as the zoning amendment and by-laws were passed in front of a virtually empty gallery.

Planning Administrator Sherry Rea was on hand to answer any last minute questions the council had, regarding the specifics of the amendment. She assured council that under the amendment, although retail stores would be permitted, professional offices such as accountants or lawyers, would not be allowed based on the notion that services such as this would be of little interest to the travelling public.

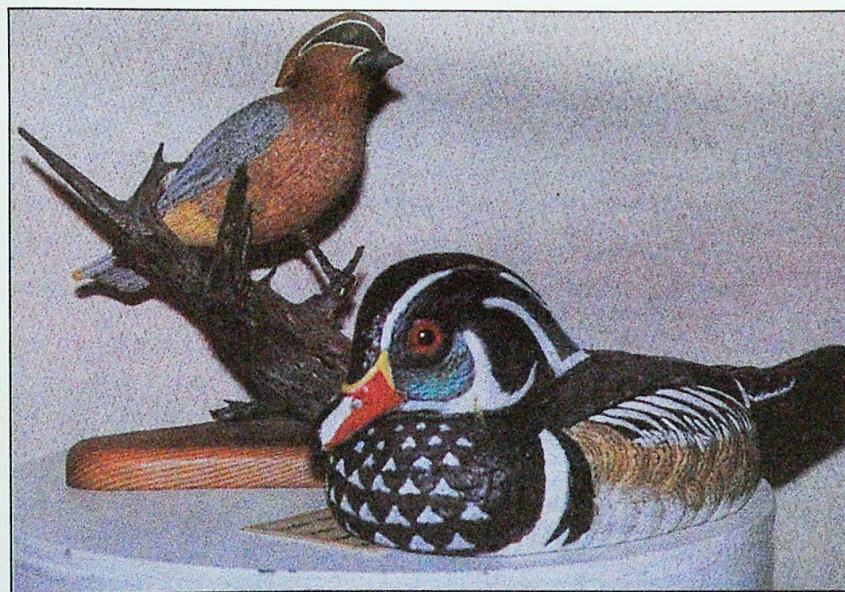
"I don't think it's been an easy time for any of us," said Reeve Jeanne Anthon. "I know I have had many sleepless nights wondering about the implications of this." Sherry Rea replied, "At the same time though, I think that we will have a wonderful opportunity once the highway is done."

The Ministry of Transport has unveiled plans for the redevelopment of the bypass from the County Road (formerly Highway) 121 south intersection

(more on page 3)



While older folks may cringe at the thought of cooler days ahead, for young people, autumn heralds the celebration of Hallowe'en. Along with the many decorated front yards throughout the community, many residents are selecting a pumpkin to transform into the traditional Jack-O-Lantern. Jake Walker, 9, of Minden and Julie Moore, 10, of Haliburton, found themselves in patch of their own this past week when they went looking through the many pumpkins on display in front of Dollo's IGA in Minden.



Bright colours and fine detail make these wood carvings attractive pieces in this year's members' show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Close to 50 local artists and artisans have contributed paintings, carvings, fabric art and work in other media for the display. The cedar waxwing is the work of Grant Plooard while the wood duck was created by Gerald Hicks. Visitors to the show, which continues until October 31, are invited to vote for the best of the show in a number of categories and select the most outstanding exhibit of all.

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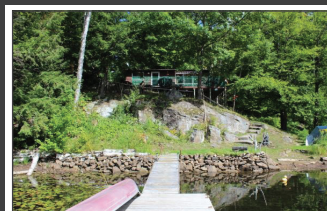
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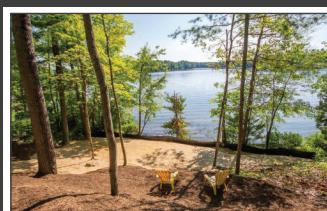
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- Opportunity to live in and to run a business.
- Sold "as is" - needs repair



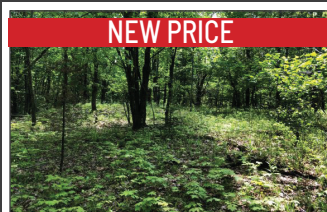
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Brandon Nimigon\*  
457-2128 x 27

### Family Home \$525,000

- Stunning 6.29 Acre Country property
- Large yard, stunning gardens, porch and screened in-room to enjoy the property
- Two levels of living space, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths



NEW PRICE



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
457-6505

### North Drive \$148,000

- Location! Location! Location!
- Building Lot backing onto Sir Sam's Ski Resort
- Nicely treed, choice of building sites, excellent privacy



Kirsten Rae\*  
286-2138 x 30

### Industrial Park Rd \$1,200,000

- 10,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this fantastic building!



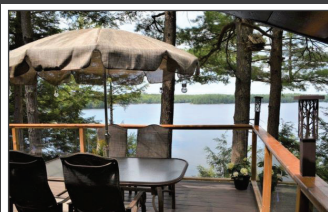
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Darlene Reil\*  
447-2055

### Wilberforce Home \$349,000

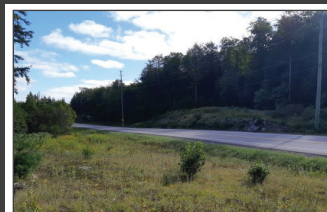
- 3-bedroom home, very private
- Located on a quiet street
- Huge garage
- Walk to all amenities



Christine Sharp\*  
705-469-9968

### Kabakwa Lake \$995,000

- Beautiful western view
- 2000 sq ft, winterized
- High speed internet



Greg Stamp\*  
457-2128 x 28

### County Road 21 \$179,000

- Acreage close to Haliburton Village & Pinestone Resort
- Building Lot backing onto Sir Sam's Ski Resort
- Beautifully Treed with driveway already installed.
- Ultimate privacy for residential use!



Melanie Vigrass\*  
286-2138 x 32

### County Road 21 \$750,000

- Commercial property in Haliburton
- Prime corner location, 1.5 acres
- Rental house as an added feature
- Sale includes land, & building



SOLD



Tom Wilkinson\*\*  
286-2138 x 25

### Denna Lake \$420,000

- 3-bedroom, 2 bath. Seasonal cottage
- 275' waterfront, 9.7 acres
- Sunset exposure plus sand beach



Andrea Wilson\*\*  
457-2128 x 25

### West Lake Building Lot \$265,300

- Prime lot with a stunning view over the Lake
- Year-round township road, terrific building site
- Hydro & Bell are available at the lot line

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